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Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

## Mountain View Conference Center opens

(From left to right) Justin Lee, Chun contractor project manager, Maj. Christopher Lavallee, 355th Services Squadron commander, Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, Linda Lutz, Mountain View Conference Center director, Lt. Col. David Carrell, 355th Mission Support Group deputy commander, and Frederick Blatt, 355th SVS Mirage Officers' Club manager, cut the ribbon to the Mountain View Conference Center July 8. For more information on the new Mountain View Conference Center, see **Conference Center offers Airmen a state-of-art facility at D-M, Page 4.**

## Airman uses SABC, military training to save friend's life

By Staff Sgt. Cat Casaigne  
355th Wing Public Affairs

*(Editor's note: The last name of the rescue victim, Jordan, is withheld to protect his privacy.)*

An Airman here used self aid buddy care and his military training to save the life of one of his friends while hiking Picacho Peak June 19.

Senior Airman Jared Milligan, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and a lifelong hiker, said the group of nine started hiking at 8 a.m. and made it to the top by 10:30 a.m. As they started to descend the mountain, Airman Milligan's friend, Jordan, started to lag behind so Airman Milligan stayed back to help him with the remainder of the hike.

"The rest of the group had accidentally taken the wrong trail and was headed back our way," Airman Milligan said. "While we waited for them to come back, Jordan and I sat down to rest. He mentioned he was seeing white spots, so I told him to drink some more water and we are in no hurry to get back. Our friends got back and decided it's a good idea to sit and rest where we were before continuing."

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## Davis-Monthan's ESOHCAMP rates best in Air Combat Command

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan's Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Conformance Assessment and Management Process program was recently ranked first in Air Combat Command's latest assessment cycle.

The ESOHCAMP program encompasses three areas: environmental, safety and occupational health. Program managers maintain and monitor protocols in each category. Air Com-

bat Command bases their final score on the quality of these protocols.

The ESOHCAMP program helps commanders assess the effectiveness of their environmental, safety and occupational health programs and identifies and tracks solutions to existing or potential areas, according to the ACC ESOHCAMP guidance.

Of the 26 protocols reviewed, D-M holds the highest rating a protocol can receive for hazardous waste and air quality, said Tim Jackson, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron ESOHCAMP pro-

gram manager. This rating is the most heavily regulated in protocols.

Air Combat Command's programs for ESOHCAMP are assessed on a regular basis.

Each base conducts two types of ESOHCAMP assessments; internal and external. Internal assessments occur annually by base agencies. Air Combat Command conducts cyclical external assessments every three years. They inspect approximately six or seven bases a year. After the third year, when all ACC bases have been

inspected, the cycle starts again. The bases are continually ranked according to their most recent ACC score. With the results of the latest round of assessments in, D-M is ranked number one.

Running a successful ESOHCAMP program takes more work and cooperation than just one person can muster, Mr. Jackson said. The credit goes beyond the base's ESOHCAMP program manager.

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### The July Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1,087.1	1,058.8	1,433.0	162nd OSB	1,428.1	1,485.1	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1,765.3	1,663.6	2,275.2	354th FS	6,886.0	6,975.6	8,966.0
55th RQS	2,386.9	2,149.0	2,880.0	357th FS	7,078.0	6,938.6	9,148.0
79th RQS	1,362.4	1,242.0	1,680.0	358th FS	3,140.0	3,127.4	8,948.0

### Desert Airman survey

The **Desert Airman** wants to know what the Desert Lightning Team thinks about the paper. Log on to, [www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey\\_index.htm](http://www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm) to take the survey available today through Aug. 15. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, (third from right) stands with members of the 358th Fighter Squadron who were presented with Davis-Monthan's Thompson Trophy. The Thompson Trophy is awarded in recognition of the 355th Wing's Top Gun squadron.

### The Desert Airman

**Concern:** Sir, every week I read the Crime and Punishment section of the **Desert Airman**. I was wondering the procedures used to publish the Articles 15. Does every single Article 15 received by Davis-Monthan Airmen appear in this section?

**Response:** Thank you for your question. The "Crime and Punishment" section lists all nonjudicial punishments and court martial actions against all military members, both officer and enlisted.

This section does not list any other administrative actions that have been taken on the base. Therefore, any administrative actions (such as a letter of reprimand) are not reported. The 355th Wing legal office forwards all Article 15 punish-

ments for a particular time period to the 355th Wing Public Affairs Office for publication. The PA staff runs the blotter and Articles 15 as a deterrent and to illustrate what type of action can be taken for poor judgment.

### Craycroft Road Traffic

**Concern:** Traffic attempting to exit Davis-Monthan using Craycroft Road on pay day, holidays or during commuter hours seems to quickly log-jam at Comanche Street. This is an ongoing problem. This might be remedied by placing a stop sign to direct northbound traffic on Craycroft Road to make a stop. This would result in cars on Comanche Street being able to enter the flow of traffic on Craycroft Road in a metered fashion instead of "playing chicken."

**Response:** This is a significant issue as construction continues across the base. As a result, the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron addressed this intersection and other traffic issues at the Traffic Safety Board in June.

The board found that there was no need for either a traffic light or a stop sign at the intersection. In that area of the base, the traffic pattern is designed to allow patrons leaving the Base Exchange or the Commissary on Comanche Street to use Arizona Street to exit the base. The Swan Road Gate construction is complete and provides base personnel an alternate option to enter and exit the base.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding traffic issues on Davis-Monthan, please contact 1st Lt. T.J. Fryar, 355th CES, at 228-3809.

### 101 Critical Days of Summer

Tucson's monsoon season brings flash floods and a greater need for weather-safety awareness. Knowing how to prevent injury is more important than ever.

Flash floods are the number one cause of deaths associated with thunderstorms, with more than 140 each year. They are responsible for more deaths than lightning, tornadoes and hurricanes combined.

Avoid injury or death caused by flash floods by not driving across flooded roads. It only takes approximately two feet of water to sweep away an average car.

Additionally, avoid being injured by not wading, walking or swimming in flood water. Do not allow children to play near storm drains. It only takes approximately six inches of swiftly-moving water to sweep a person off their feet.

In the event of flash flooding, stop, turn around, go another way and climb to higher ground immediately.

When hiking, avoid streambeds during and after storms or when heavy rain is possible. Remain aware of weather upstream since rain several miles away has the potential to flood canals, ditches and canyons in minutes.

**(Editor's Note:** Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Safety Office and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service.)

## Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 357th Fighter Squadron trains pilots in the A-10 and the O/A-10 Thunderbolt II. The 357th 'Dragons' conducts all formal course-directed aircraft transition, day and night weapons and tactical employment, day and night refueling and dissimilar air combat maneuvers.



Additionally, the squadron trains pilots to plan, coordinate, execute and control day and night close air support, air interdiction and battlefield surveillance and reconnaissance. The squadron also prepares pilots for combat mission ready upgrade.

Capt. Stephen Hutchinson, 357th Fighter Squadron, (right) instructs 1st Lt. Chris Laird, 357th FS, on basic fighter-maneuver engagement.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Senior Airman Jared Milligan, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, inspects A-10 munitions. Airman Milligan saved a friends life during a hiking trip June 19 by using self aid buddy care.

## Rescue

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While resting, Jordan decided to lie on his back. Another hiker, I don't know who, looked over at Jordan and said we needed to get him into the shade now. I looked over, and I saw his eyes wide open, pupils dilated, and mouth slack."

Jordan's complexion was completely white. The temperature was 107 degrees but Jordan's skin was cold and clammy. Worst of all, Jordan was not responding to his friends' questions, Airman Milligan said.

At this time, Airman Milligan recalled the training he has received in the Air Force.

"Someone told me you should shock a shock victim," he said. "So, I slapped him across the face."

It worked. The slap startled Jordan and he started to respond, although his speech was disoriented, Airman Milligan said. Jordan also told him that his vision had gone completely white.

Airman Milligan credits the military for teaching him to remain calm in a crisis.

"I was able to act without having to think about what I was doing," he said. "I responded to the situation instantly and effectively without panicking."

Airman Milligan told one of the other hikers to call 911 as he soaked a shirt for Jordan's head to help keep him cool. Airman Milligan told the dispatchers exactly where they were on the mountain while the rest of the hikers kept Jordan cool and encouraged him to slowly drink water.

"I stayed on the phone with 911 dispatch and, through the dispatcher, directed the helicopter to where we were and where a nearby landing zone was at the base of the mountain," he said.

As medics and park rangers arrived, the hikers were told to leave. Airman Milligan was allowed to stay at Jordan's request to assist the medics, who immediately gave Jordan an IV.

After a few attempts, Jordan was evacuated off the mountain.

Although Airman Milligan's fast thinking and training helped save Jordan's life, he said the experience has taught him that he can never be too prepared.

"I am now looking into medical training so (if I am ever in the same situation), I am able to do more than just wait for help to arrive," he said.

Chief Master Sgt. Samuel Hagadorn, 355th EMS first sergeant, said Airman Milligan performed a selfless act that was instrumental to saving a life. Airman Milligan remains humble.

"I was not alone in this situation," he said. "I was one of several people who aided Jordan. It was a group effort that got Jordan off the mountain alive. I did my part, as did my friends. We all kept our cool and remained level-headed. Working as a team helped disarm the situation and keep Jordan stable until professional help could arrive."

The following day, Jordan felt better and attended church with Airman Milligan.

## Best

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A successful ESOHCAMP program like the one at D-M took a combination of three things, Mr. Jackson said. First, senior leadership took an active role in D-M's ESOHCAMP program. Secondly, it took the involvement of the environmental,

safety and occupational health being good stewards of their programs. Lastly, it took commitment from the environmental, safety and occupational health shops program managers. Being the best takes everyone's cooperation. Maj. Ronald Broden, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, served as the internal ESOHCAMP team chief, and was instrumental in leading the Desert Lightning team through their successful 2004 external ACC assessment.

## News Notes

### School physicals

Children starting a new school or considering trying out for sports need to receive school physicals. Due to the large number of school age children at D-M, the medical team is offering school physicals by appointment only Saturday and August 20.

Prior to going to the physical, children need to go to the immunization clinic to ensure immunizations are current. Parents need to bring a copy of the immunization records to the physical appointment.

Sports physicals are for healthy children only. There will be no medication refills and referrals will not be discussed. If the child has any chronic health issues, such as Attention Deficit Disorder or asthma, a separate appointment should be scheduled during regular clinic hours.

To schedule an appointment, call 228-2778. If unable to keep the appointment, call the appointment line to cancel at least 48 hours in advance. If neither of these Saturdays is convenient, there will be limited school/sports physicals available during regular clinic hours through September.

### 12th Air Force command chief retirement ceremony July 22

Everyone from the D-M community is invited to attend a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Michael L. Lane, 12th Air Force command chief, at the Mountain View Conference Center July 22 at 3 p.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kirt Riegler at 228-1760.

### Claims for or against estate

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Airman 1st Class Charles Richard Peterson, assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, should contact 1st Lt. Jeffrey Baldwin, Summary Court Officer, at 228-8655.

### Booking the Mountain View Conference Center

To book a conference or official function at the Mountain View Conference Center, contact Linda Lutz, conference center director, at 228-3832. To book a party, wedding or any other functions, call Danda Anthis at 228-3301.

### Terrorism history

July 20, 1982, 11 people were killed in Regency Park and Hyde Park in London by bombs planted by the Provisional Irish Republican Army, a Northern Ireland terrorist organization, which is trying to force the United Kingdom out of Northern Ireland so that Ulster can be united with the Republic of Ireland.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

After the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the Mountain View Conference Center, the D-M community was invited to celebrate. Some of the festivities included free food, beverages and \$3,000 in prizes.

## Conference center offers Airmen state-of-art facility at Davis-Monthan

By Stephanie Ritter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The days of searching for a facility to host large meetings or special functions are now over for the Davis-Monthan community.

After six months of construction, the Mountain View Conference Center, co-located with the Mirage Officers' Club, is open for business.

This state-of-the-art facility is going to allow us to host the same types of functions we used to have to go downtown for, said Linda Lutz, 355th Wing conference center director. This facility is extremely versatile, allowing people to hold a variety of functions from formal weddings to business meetings.

In addition, the center will be open for the entire D-M community.

The conference center is available to anyone who wants to book an event, Ms. Lutz said. Squadrons can hold their conferences here or Airmen can hold a retirement ceremony.

The center offers five meeting rooms that can accommodate a total of 375 people. Three of these rooms have partitions that open up into a single room that can seat up to 255 conference or special function attendees.

A feature of the conference center is the addition of more than \$200,000 in state-of-the-art audio and video equipment. The high-end equipment can interface with 24 separate components from



Photo by Master Sgt. Duane Judy

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, cuts the first slice of cake during the grand opening ceremony for the Mountain View Conference Center July 8.

the master control room or eight components from remote keypad. The system gives the conference center the advantage of holding multiple conferences or functions at the same time throughout the facility.

"The Mountain View Conference Center fills a void Davis-Monthan used to have," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "Now we can continue to develop and nurture our Airmen by providing them a place they can gather in comfort and style here on base."

For pricing information, or to book a conference or official function at the Mountain View Conference Center, contact Ms. Lutz at 228-3832.

## Air Force announces captain selects

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — The CY05A Quarterly Captain Selection Process selected 563 lieutenants for promotion to captain. The Air Force Personnel Center's homepage at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/offprom/> contains the entire list. The captain's process considered 570 officers.

The results are as follows:

**Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone:**

- ◆ Line - 426 selected from 429 considered for a 99.3 percent select rate
- ◆ Chaplain — 2 selected from 2 considered for a 100 percent select rate

◆ Judge Advocate — 38 selected from 38 considered for a 100 percent select rate

◆ Nurse Corps — 43 selected from 43 considered for a 100 percent select rate

◆ Medical Science Corps — 21 selected from 21 considered for a 100 percent select rate

◆ Biomedical Science Corps — 28 selected from 28 considered for a 100 percent select rate

**Selection statistics above-the-promotion zone:**

- ◆ Line — 5 selected from 9 considered for a 55.6 percent select rate

### Congratulations to D-M captain selects

Congratulations to the following first lieutenants selected to assume the rank of captain:

**12th Air Force:** Wilmer Castillo and Oscar Caicedo; **25th Operational Weather Squadron:** Paul Lucas, Jr.; **41st Electronic Combat Squadron:** Jeremy Smith; **43rd Electronic Combat Squadron:** Roger Renfro; **55th Rescue Squadron:** William Mercer; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Jewel Kelly; **355th Contracting Squadron:**

Jeffrey Holley; **355th Mission Support Group:** Dennis Smith; **355th Wing:** Joseph Kubler; **358th Fighter Squadron:** Matthew Bell; **563rd Maintenance Squadron:** Timothy Dodson and Shaun McGowan; **612th Air Intelligence Squadron:** Amanda Finch; and **612th Air Base Squadron,** Soto Cano, Honduras: Aileen Fermin.



# Airmen may reduce risks at home by applying ORM

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

In most Air Force jobs, training is given to Airmen to teach them how to accomplish the mission, recognize a threat and, in the event a threat does arise, how to execute and prevent a greater threat from happening.

In everyday lives, it is important to take the knowledge gained from work and share it with family members so they know how to prevent incidents and how to react when a threat arises at home.

Spreading the knowledge gained from work can be done, said Michael Barnes, 355th Wing ground safety monitor. "Setting the example goes a long way in developing good habits — buckling seat belts, using helmets, using gloves, using eye protection, using life vests and so on, are some examples. Never take shortcuts, which all involve some form of risk."

Prior to doing day-to-day jobs, Airmen find out what the task is. This can be translated to families when it comes to vacations by deciding the destination.

After finding out what the task is at work, a plan of action is established to accomplish the mission at hand. In every day lives, the plan of action can be deciding what to bring and how to get to the specific location of choice. If driving, the person behind the wheel needs to plan accordingly

## Airmen helping Airmen

In addition to putting operational risk management to use, D-M Airmen are also required to fill out a D-M Form 29B for supervisor's approval prior to taking leave. These forms help Airmen who are 26 and under plan ahead and reduce risks while on leave.

and ensure they get at least eight hours of rest prior to leaving. If flying, ensuring proper documentation, such as passports, is on-hand can greatly reduce complications later.

"Make a risk-free plan, which involves everything from how you travel to and from your vacation to what you plan to do while on vacation," Mr. Barnes said. Get the families' inputs, and plan accordingly.

After the plan of action is established, it is time to put those actions to play by ensuring the checklists are done accordingly. In everyday life events, this can also be accomplished. Making a list of items needed and mapping out where the location is would be similar to what would happen at a workplace.

Once the action begins, some unexpected things can happen. Predicting what these things may be

will greatly reduce risk at work. When taking a vacation, it could be ensuring the spare tire is properly inflated or having a backup plan if the flight is cancelled.

If the unexpected happens, Airmen are trained to recover and reduce further risks at work. Knowing how to change a flat tire would be an example of how to recover from day-to-day events.

"We may look at a flat tire as loss of time because we have to change it at the very least, or at the very worst, our flat causes us to lose control of our vehicle, resulting in damage, injury or even death," Mr. Barnes said. "Work or vacation planning involves choosing what you need to get the job done. Using personal protective equipment at work helps to eliminate hazards. Using personal protective equipment on vacation like life vests, seat belts, helmets, also help provide for your safety when things go wrong."

These steps, among many others, help to ensure that workplaces, as well as loved ones, are taken care of.

"Ensuring that operational risk management is considered greatly reduces the chance of risk," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "Our Air Force family cannot afford to lose an Airmen or family member; you are all irreplaceable assets and we need you to return home safely."



# CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled for the period of June 25 through July 8.

## **Civil incarceration**

Marana Police Department notified the Security Force Control Center a major assigned to the 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron was incarcerated for driving under the influence.

## **Civil incarceration**

Pima County Jail notified the SFCC a technical sergeant assigned to the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was incarcerated for domestic violence and assault.

## **Civil incarceration**

Pima County Jail notified the SFCC that a staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron was incarcerated for domestic violence and criminal damage.

## **Driving under the influence: civilian**

355th Security Forces Squadron conducted a traffic stop on an individual suspected of driving under the influence. Investigation revealed the individual had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and a strong odor of alcohol. Tucson Police Department was contacted and completed a breath analysis on the subject with a blood alcohol content result of .213. The subject was arrested and transported to Pima County Jail.

## **DUI: family member/dependent**

Installation security gate guards notified the SFCC they had stopped a vehicle for suspected DUI. Investigation by security forces and TPD revealed the subject was a spouse of a staff sergeant assigned to the 355th AMXS. The subject was DUI and was arrested and transported to Pima County Jail.

## **Patrol response: damage to government property**

A technical sergeant reported vandalism to houses in base housing. Investigation revealed the windows of two base houses were damaged with what appeared to be a BB gun.

## **Patrol response: assault**

A dependent spouse notified the SFCC she had been assaulted by her husband, an airman first class assigned to the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Investigation revealed both subjects had assaulted each other. The TPD responded and arrested both parties.

## **Patrol response: larceny**

An Army and Air Force Exchange Service security officer reported an employee was removing money from a cash register. Investigation revealed the security officer had taped the employee committing the theft. The TPD arrested the subject for theft.

## **Patrol response: noise complaint**

Security Forces responded to dormitory 3610 for a loud noise complaint. Investigation revealed a senior airman and airman first class both assigned to the 355th AMXS were causing a disturbance and throwing rocks. Both individuals were also cited for disorderly conduct and provoking speeches and gestures. The airman first class was also cited for an alcohol related incident.

## **Patrol response: shoplifting**

A Base Exchange store security detective notified the SFCC they had detained three subjects for shoplifting. Investigation revealed a dependent of a technical sergeant assigned to the 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron, a dependent of a master sergeant assigned to the 355th AMXS and a dependent of a technical sergeant assigned to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron had attempted to remove video games and an IPOD from the exchange without rendering payment.

## **Patrol response: shoplifting**

An AAFES security detective reported he had detained an individual for attempting to remove cigarettes from the Shoppette without rendering payment. Security Forces responded and cited the subject.





Senior Airman Graig Hayhurst, 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, loads 40 mm high explosive dual-purpose grenades into a special utility vest for quick access by Airman securing the flightline here. Airman Hayhurst is deployed from the 355th Security Forces Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

# Armory

## D-M Airmen arm the forces

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Brian Davidson  
447th Air Expeditionary Group  
Public Affairs

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — From a small, unmarked and nondescript semi-hardened shelter on Sather Air Base at Baghdad International Airport, two Airmen are deadly serious about their role in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Kistler and Senior Airman Graig Hayhurst are responsible for the daily maintenance of more than 300 weapons that the men and women of the 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron use to deter terrorists and insurgents from targeting people and aircraft.

As combat arms training instructors deployed from the 355th Wing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, the armory duo knows keeping a full spectrum of small arms ready and within arm's reach is critical to saving lives.

"There are people out there with evil intentions — their goal is to do us harm; and protecting the force starts here," said Sergeant Kistler, armory NCO in charge. "These weapons aren't just about a show of force; they're about bringing a world of hurt down on anyone who might try to attack this airfield."

Twice every day at shift change,

Airmen line up at the armory window to get their weapons, ammunition and other equipment. Each Airman, depending on what their post is for that day, is issued one or more small and large caliber weapons.

Those weapons include 9 mm hand guns, M-16 A-2 rifles, M-4 rifles with leading edge targeting capabilities, shotguns, M-203 grenade launchers, M-240 and 244 belt-fed machine guns and even the infamous 50 caliber machine gun.

"Day or night, someone would have to be a fool to think they can mount an effective assault on our troops," Airman Hayhurst said. "It's not just the weapons; it's also the fact that our security forces Airmen have the skill to use them with deadly accuracy."

Keeping hundreds of weapons at the ready is challenging in any environment, but in the hot and dusty Iraqi region, daily inspection and maintenance require constant attention.

For Sergeant Kistler and Airman Hayhurst, it's a matter of keeping ahead of the grime. "The heat and dust mean more frequent cleaning and inspection," Sergeant Kistler said. "Every person is responsible for their own weapons cleaning, and we make sure everything operates properly."

In addition to the standard-issue weapons, the armory keeps on hand



Tech. Sgt. Robert Kistler, 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, inspects an M-240B 7.62 mm belt-fed machine gun prior to issue. Sergeant Kistler is the NCO in charge of the armory here and deployed from the 355th Security Forces Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

other munitions that multiply the airfield force protection capabilities exponentially.

"We maintain Claymore mines, hand grenades, rocket launchers and ammunition for each type of weapon," Sergeant Kistler said.

When asked how much ammunition is on hand, Sergeant Kistler simply replies with a nod, "enough to get the job done."

Issuing and maintaining weapons and ammunition is only part of the armory mission; they are also responsible for ensuring about 1,000 other weapons used by Airmen who conduct airfield and support operations are ready, in case of a large scale contingency.

Additionally, Sergeant Kistler and Airman Hayhurst are often called upon by armories at other operating bases for their experience in repairing weapons.

As Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and

Airmen continue to fight for a free and safe Iraq, the men and women responsible for armories supporting operating bases in Baghdad will continue working together to ensure their weapons are ready to meet any terrorist's challenge.



M-4 rifles with leading edge targeting capabilities are just one type of the many weapons used by Airmen securing the flightline here.



# Air Force officials change fitness test criteria for Airmen

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
*Air Force Print News*

**WASHINGTON** — Air Force officials are making a few changes to the physical fitness test used to assess the fitness of Airmen.

In January 2004, the Air Force underwent a major change in the way it looked at fitness. As part of the Fit to Fight program, the service adopted a more stringent physical fitness assessment that measures aerobic fitness, physical strength/endurance and body composition.

Now, 18 months into the program, senior leaders are ready to tweak the assessment to make it even better, said Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr., Air Force surgeon general.

"We have gotten together a group of scientists and done surveys asking folks if they like the assessment and are there issues with it," Dr. Taylor said. "This last year we brought an update to Corona and are now in the middle of updating a few changes to the Air Force instruction that defines the fitness evaluation."

Updates to AFI 10-248 will include a change in how body composition is measured, a new table for the running portion of the test that takes into account the runner's elevation, and a change in the number of days an Airman must wait before retesting after having scored in the marginal category.

Under the original fitness evaluation, body composition scores were based on abdominal circumference only. The updated AFI will now direct that body composition also be measured using body mass index.

The body mass index is calculated by dividing weight in pounds by height in inches squared, and multiplying the result by 703. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those with a BMI between 18.5 and 24.9 are considered to be normal. Those with a BMI of 25 or above are considered overweight.

Under the updated AFI, Airmen with a BMI of less than 25 will earn the full 30 points for body composition. For Airmen who score a BMI 25 and above, Dr. Taylor said the results of the waist measurement would be used to calculate their test score.

"That will still be an important measure of their health," he said. "Waist measure is closely related to increased risk for metabolic syndrome, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. Fat distribution is the critical indicator, as opposed to weight."

For those who score marginal, between 70 and 74.9 points, the Air Force plans to correct the time to retest at 90 days; currently, retest for marginal category is 180 days. This will be consistent with the retest time for poor scores, those less than 70.

Changes to the AFI will also include adjustment for those at high-altitude installations. This applies to those at installations with an elevation of 5,000 feet or greater, Dr. Taylor said.

"We'll use the formula for altitude calculations recommended by the National Collegiate Athletic Association," he said.

The Air Force continues to look at ways to improve the fitness evaluation and remains committed to the Fit to Fight program, Dr. Taylor said, because the program has proven successful.

"Participation at fitness centers is up 30 percent now," he said. "And if you go to the field, like in Iraq or Afghanistan, you will find a continued focus on health."

The assessment is not the focus of the fitness program, but a tool to assess the commander's fitness training program.

"I want to make very clear that my focus is not on passing a fitness test once a year," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, in his Oct. 17, 2003, Chief's Sight Picture. "More important, we are changing the culture of the Air Force. This is about our preparedness to deploy and fight. It's about warriors. It is about instilling an expectation that makes fitness a daily standard — an essential part of your service."

Dr. Taylor said he hopes the changes to the AFI will be made by late August or early September.

## 48th RQS commander: rescue should adapt to new AF mission

**Lt. Col. Matthew Shozda**

*48th Rescue Squadron, commander*

Four years ago, the Department of Defense's transformation initiative gave way to the Global War on Terrorism and our military was forced to reshape itself into the crucible of combat. Arguably, our military adapted well to this new form of warfare, however some Air Force elements, such as our Combat Search and Rescue forces, remain deeply rooted in the past.

The CSAR mission has changed little from the Vietnam era.

The force is considerably smaller, yet remains effective due to American superiority in technology, communications and training. However, CSAR, or rescue, remains a niche force focused on rescuing fighter pilots from contested, linear battlefields, while theater commanders require flexible forces able to meet dynamic, fluid requirements. As such, rescue faces the prospect of becoming irrelevant.

The mission remains strategically important — DoD policy, joint doctrine and the American public demand we maintain a robust capability — but rescue is viewed as a one-trick pony whose only role is saving pilots. This suited the linear battlefield against capable opponents when the only air assets at risk were flyers. On today's nonlinear battlefield, nontraditional combatants often face greater risks than our pilots. Security forces, civil engineers and transportation troops; survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialists and others find themselves in hostile territory far from the security of the air

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*"The time has come for rescue to leave the glory days of Vietnam behind and to transform into a vibrant 21st century PR force."*

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Lt. Col. Matthew Shozda,  
48th Rescue Squadron commander

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base and invisible to the rescue force. Meanwhile, rescue sits always alert waiting for pilot error or mechanical malfunction to give them a pilot to rescue, only to find that in our low-threat helicopter-rich environment, someone else picked him up first.

Joint doctrine is evolving away from rescue to the broader Personnel Recovery concept defined in DoD Directive 2310.2 as "military, civil and political efforts to recover captured, detained, evading, isolated or missing personnel from uncertain or hostile environments and denied areas."

To achieve the PR vision, rescue must change its set mission set, force package and operational command and control systems.

Pilot rescue is the primary Air Force PR mission; however, rescue's inherent capabilities suggest a collateral PR mission set to enhance the Combined/Joint Force Air Component commander's capability. Rescue should embrace battlefield casualty evacuation, recovery and support of nontraditional combatant Airmen,

recovery of high-value, sensitive material, convoy support and emergency exfiltration and resupply of isolated ground forces. Rescue possesses the skills, but is not tasked because it does not advertise its capability or deploy sufficient forces to simultaneously maintain its air component alert and conduct collateral missions. Rescue becomes caught in a catch-22. We deploy the minimum force since we do so few rescue missions, and the air component won't approve other missions because we deploy the minimum force for our alert commitments. Rescue must get off the fence, advocate a broader mission set and deploy sufficient forces to execute.

Equally important, we must rebuild our PR C2 infrastructure. The CSAR force chops to the C/JFACC and is assigned to an Air Expeditionary Wing. This relationship works. The C/JFACC manages CSAR through his component Rescue Coordination Center, which is frequently designated the theater Joint Search and Rescue Center. This agency has no command authority over the CSAR force, but, in practice, wields command-like influence. The RCC/JSRC personnel are often not from the rescue community and some have a basic working knowledge of PR. This relationship is inefficient and turbulent. Rescue wings should build deployable C2 elements to replace the RCC. This PR headquarters element, with joint augmentation, would execute operational control of assigned forces for the C/JFACC through a vetted rescue commander.

The time has come for rescue to leave the glory days of Vietnam behind and to transform into a vibrant 21st century PR force.

### Volunteer opportunities through D-M Mentorship Memos

#### Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience

Volunteers are needed 24 hours a day to staff a traveling Vietnam Wall Nov. 18 through 20. A volunteer committee meeting is July 23 at 9 a.m. at the South Lawn Cemetery, 5401 S. Park Ave. To volunteer, call Terry Byron at 295-8407.

#### Davis-Monthan's Family Services

Volunteers are needed to help run and staff Davis-Monthan's Family Services, which is a part of the Family Support Center. Volunteers will give information on sponsors and bases, as well as provide support for first-time parents. For more information, call Jeff Halstead at 228-5690.

## Final Answer ————— Where are you going or where have you gone on vacation this summer?



**Staff Sgt.  
Cordell Barr**  
355th Equipment  
Maintenance Squadron

*"I'm going to Chicago, Ill. because that's where I'm from."*



**Staff Sgt.  
Kip Gomez**  
355th Mission  
Support Squadron

*"I went to Phoenix, Ariz. for a ball game and I drove to Scottsdale, Ariz. and Tempe, Ariz. also."*



**Senior Master Sgt.  
Michael Ferman**  
355th Operations  
Support Squadron

*"Nowhere. I'm retiring in October. Everyday in uniform is a good day. I don't want to waste any of them."*



**Staff Sgt.  
Jana Klopfenstein**  
355th Mission  
Support Squadron

*"I went to southern Utah to go camping and I went to Hawaii to visit my godchild. She's very cute."*



**Airman 1st Class  
Mark Carter**  
355th Medical  
Support Squadron

*"I plan to go to Phoenix, Ariz. for a few days."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
Gerald Sutherland**  
D-M in-service  
Reserve recruiter

*"I went to Disney World and bass fishing while in Florida."*

**(Editors note:** Next week's Final Answer question is: **"If you were president what would be your first order of business?"** If you would like to submit an answer for an upcoming edition of the Final Answer column, or would like to give new ideas and suggestions for the Final Answer column, contact the **Desert Airman** staff at [desert.airman@dm.af.mil](mailto:desert.airman@dm.af.mil) or Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092. Volunteers who submit answers should be available to take photos the same week.)





Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Airman 1st Class Jacqueline Buller, 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron (left), reviews policy letters with Maj. Theresa Humphrey, 355th MOS commander.

### 355th MOS welcomes new commander

Members of the 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron maintain combat readiness on A/OA-10, EC-130H, HC-130P and HH-60E aircraft by directing the maintenance scheduling and analysis programs.

Maj. Theresa Humphrey assumed command June 17.

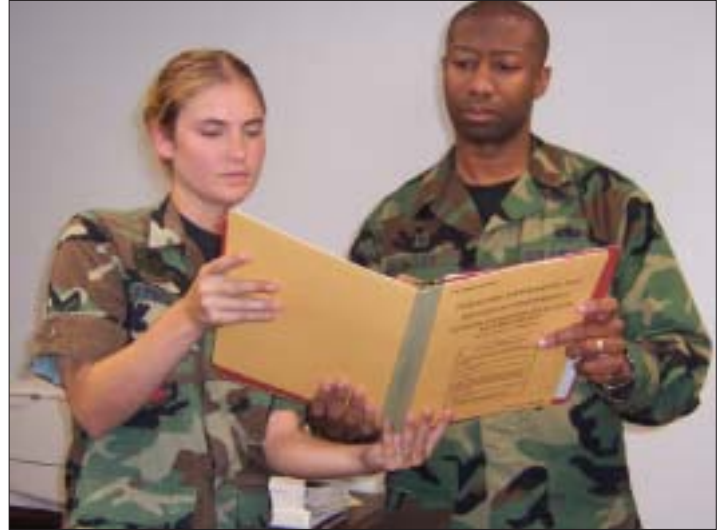


Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Airman 1st Class Kimberly Kirsch, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, reviews personnel information files with Maj. Gary Wiley, 355th EMS commander.

### 355th EMS welcomes new commander

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron performs on and off equipment maintenance and inspection on A/OA-10, EC-130H, HC-130P and HH-60 aircraft. The 355th EMS maintains aerospace ground equipment, life-support equipment, GAU-8 30 mm gun systems and aircraft weapons release systems.

Maj. Gary Wiley assumed command June 16.



## Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the **Desert Airman** that profiles an Airman — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*

*This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Nonya Trower of the 355th Contracting Squadron. Sergeant Trower is the NCO in charge of special programs. According to Maj. Scott Benza, 355th CONS commander, she was nominated for the spotlight because, "Staff Sgt. Trower is a new cross-trainee into contracting. She comes to us with a lot of enthusiasm, a fresh look at our processes, and handles the customer-service aspect of our business brilliantly. Nonya's work ethic, military professionalism, and maturity allow her to stand-out among her peers."*

*The following are Sergeant Trower's responses to a variety of questions.*

**What has been your best assignment and why?** Davis-Monthan has been my only base. I chose to stay here after cross-training because the weather is sunny year round.

**What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force?** Never stop working towards your education and make the most of any place you may work.

**What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force?** Graduating Basic Military Training because it gave me a sense of pride and accomplishment.

**Why did you join the Air Force:** I joined



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

because it is a great opportunity to explore other countries, meet new people, and defend our nation.

**What are your career goals?** To finish my bachelor's degree in business and complete my contracting certification.

**Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire):** I admire my father. He taught me to be strong and not let anything get in the way of reaching my goals.

## D-M announces Top Gun award winners

The winners of Davis-Monthan's semi-annual 355th Wing Top Gun Event results were announced at the 355th Operations Group dining in Saturday.

Congratulations to the following Airmen who were named 355th Wing Top Guns. The winners are listed in order of first place, second place and third place.

**Medium Altitude Toss:** Capt. Neal Sheeran, 354th Fighter Squadron; Capt. Gordie Vap, 358th Fighter Squadron and Capt. Jay Annis, 354th FS. **Dive Bomb:** Capt. Brian Wigton, 358th FS; Capt. Craig Morash, 354th FS and Capt. Andy McWhorter, 354th FS. **Visual Level Delivery:** Capt. Abel Ramos, 357th Fighter Squadron; Capt. Danny Clayton, 358th FS and Capt. Mark McKamey, 358th FS. **Low Angle High Drag:** Col. David Tanaka, 358th FS; Capt. Clayton and Maj. Theodore Coiner, 358th FS. **Low Angle Strafe:** Maj. Michael Schultz, 358th FS; Lt. Col. Steven Gray, 358th FS and Col. Michael Isherwood, 357th FS. **Overall Top Gun Individual:** Maj. Schultz, Capt. Wigton and Col. Michael Spencer, 358th Fighter Squadron.







*Tech. Sgt. Frank Arellano, 355th Operations Support Squadron, trims the lower branches from a grapefruit tree Saturday. Sergeant Arellano volunteers through Davis-Monthan's Can-Do Crew program. The Can-Do Crew assists elderly and handicapped Tucsonans by helping with simple household chores.*

## Airmen reach beyond fence line

**Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Installation stewardship always applies within Davis-Monthan's gates. However, it can also apply beyond the gates and into the community of Tucson.

There are many ways D-M Airmen and their families volunteer to help outside the fence line.

One program Airmen volunteer for is the Can-Do Crew. This program assists elderly and handicapped members of the Tucson community by helping with household maintenance and yard work.

Volunteering for the Can-Do Crew is important, said Staff Sgt. Tina Evans, 355th Operations Support Squadron. The Can-Do Crew helped a 90- and 91-year old couple. If the crew hadn't helped them, the work wouldn't have been completed.

While doing yard work may seem like a menial task, Sergeant Evans said it is fulfilling.

"It just makes you feel good, knowing that you were able to help other people out," she said.

Another way D-M Airmen are community

wingmen is through Meals on Wheels. The Meals on Wheels program also serves elderly and handicapped Tucsonans. Volunteers pick up meals from hospitals and take them to home-bound people who otherwise wouldn't have any means of receiving food. D-M Airmen usually volunteer during their lunch hour.

"I think (the Meals on Wheels program) is very important for the community," said Tech. Sgt. Karen Kaylor, 355th Mission Support Squadron and volunteer delivery driver for Meals on Wheels. "These people have no other way to get their meals. It's wonderful to help them."

That feeling of helping people keeps volunteers coming back.

"It's just a great program, I love it," Sergeant Kaylor said. "I signed up to (volunteer for) one quarter, and I'm on my third."

Davis-Monthan Airmen also volunteer to help with the annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down, which is sponsored in part by the Veterans Administration.

The Homeless Veterans Stand Down gives homeless veterans in and around Tucson the

opportunity to get free healthcare, health and job referrals, meals and showers. They even have the opportunity to apply for housing subsidization.

The Homeless Veterans Stand Down has a big impact on the homeless community because otherwise they wouldn't receive the veterans' services they're eligible for, said Jeff Halstead, Family Support Center volunteer coordinator. A lot of (veterans) don't know how to find those services. This year's stand down helped 109 veterans.

Volunteering and supporting those who've served in the armed forces would give anyone a satisfied feeling, said 1st Lt. Heather Hayduk, 355th Mission Support Group.

It is a good cause, Lieutenant Hayduk said. There were several Airmen who were out there working with other military members to help veterans.

Through volunteer organizations like the Can-Do Crew, Meals on Wheels and the Homeless Vets Stand Down, D-M Airmen continue to make a difference by displaying stewardship in the Tucson community.

# A look at U.S. space platforms

By Capt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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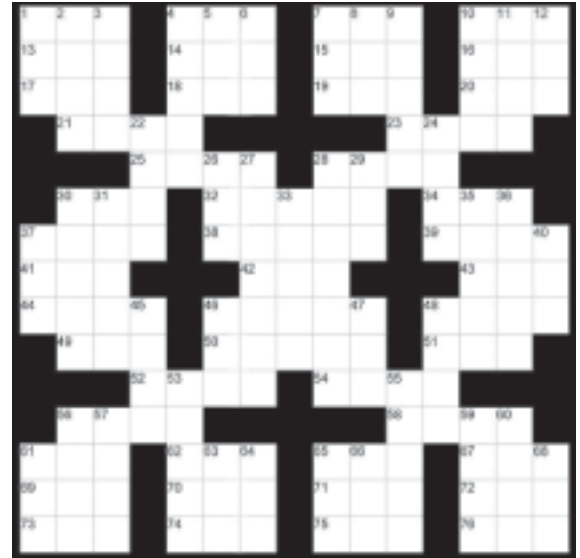
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7. Pod filler
8. Women
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10. USAF asset to detect missiles/space launches, NUDETs
11. Ireland, formerly
12. Mil. address
22. USAF asset to collect weather data for military ops
24. Bluster
26. South. state home to Maxwell AFB
27. Joint service secure, jam-resistant SATCOM system
28. USAF asset providing military, civilian navigation data
29. Pilot with 5+ kills
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(The solutions for this puzzle are located on Page 26.)

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Teri Smith

Davis-Monthan Mustangs catcher, Dennis Short, tags out Luke Falcons runner as he tries to score at a game at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., Sunday. Despite Short's efforts, and a strong Mustangs start, the Falcons won the game 12-2. The Mustangs season starts up again Aug. 8.

## Falcons slide past Mustangs, 12-2

By 2nd Lt. Phil Ventura  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

### LUKE AIR FORCE, ARIZ. —

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base varsity baseball team, the Mustangs, traveled to the Valley of the Sun Sunday to face off against Luke Air Force Base's Falcons.

With the game temperature at 106 degrees, the Falcons brought some additional heat to their opponents, defeating them 12-2 in five innings.

The key to Luke's victory was committing only one error, versus the Mustang's seven.

"It's great to be out here, but we've definitely got some recruiting to do before coming out again," said Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Talley, 355th Wing command chief.

Many of Davis-Monthan's regular starters were on temporary duty assignments or deployed, said the Mustang's captain Jorge Rodriguez. This left the team scrambling to find enough players to fill out their roster and forced them to play with no reserves.

Still, the Mustangs started strong in the first inning, scoring two runs before Falcon pitcher Chris Valentine struck out Rich McDaniel to end the inning.

Luke bats then went immediately to work in the bottom of the inning. Leadoff batter Mike Cox got on with a single. Ken Cartner advanced Cox to second with a sacrifice bunt and a line drive by Mike Mullins drove home the Falcon's first run. Eric Tacker followed up with a single of his own, scoring Mullins.

In the second inning, the Falcons left the Mustangs in the dust.

They immediately loaded the bases with no outs. Cartner then knocked a shot that, for a second, looked as if it would sail over the left field wall. Instead, it dropped just before the warning track. Cartner stretched his hit into a triple, scoring three runs.

The action on the field kept Luke fans excited to be in the stands.

"It's a great day to be out here," said Shawn Cox, who was there cheering on her husband, Mike Cox. Also in attendance from the Cox family were their three children and Mike's sister, Erin.

In the top of the third, the Falcons looked to their bench and brought in Paul Madrid to pitch. He commanded the game from the mound, allowing no runs in two innings.

The fifth inning found the Mustangs with their backs against

the wall. They were down 12-2. League rules dictate a 10-run rule comes into play after the fifth inning. So the Mustangs needed to score one run or pack up and head home.

The Falcons brought in Donald Waggoner to close the game. He quickly dashed the Mustangs hopes by striking out their first two

batters. After allowing two hits, he retired the third batter to end the game.

"It was a great game, and I'm real proud of our team," said Col. Robin Rand, 56th Fighter Wing commander. "Anyone looking for some good family entertainment should come out and see (the Falcons and Mustangs play ball)."



A Luke Falcon pitcher throws a pitch to a D-M Mustang batter during a varsity baseball game at Luke Sunday. The Mustangs suffered the loss of many players this season due to temporary duties and deployments.

## Sports Shorts

### CGOC golf tournament

The D-M Company Grade Officers' Counsel hosts a base-wide golf tournament July 22 at Blanchard Golf Course. Sign in for the tournament begins at 11 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m. The cost of the four person scramble format tournament is \$25 for CGOC members and \$35 for all others. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, two mulligans, one red bomber and 12 inches of birdie string. There will be prizes for the top three teams, closest to the pin, longest drive and hole in one on all par threes. Participants also have the chance to win a 2005 Nissan Titan, trip for two on Southwest Airlines, set of Callaway Irons, electronics and more. The deadline for registration is Wednesday or until all slots are filled. To register a team, contact 2nd Lt. William Chalmers at 603-8967.

### Weight Loss Challenge

D-M hosts a weight loss challenge from Aug. 1 through Oct. 31

to help encourage the base community to lose any extra pounds. Exercise sessions will be conducted by the Base Fitness Program Manager, Cesar Vinueza, on the basketball court of the Fitness and Sports Center Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7 a.m. In addition, participants can enroll in optional nutrition sessions. There will be prizes for all participants, teams and individuals who lose the most weight during the three month period. Active-duty members have first priority to the challenge but, space permitting, family members, retirees, reservists and government employees are also welcome. To sign up, contact Mr. Vinueza at [cesar.vinueza@dm.af.mil](mailto:cesar.vinueza@dm.af.mil). Participants accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

### D-M to LA Coliseum

The D-M to L.A. Coliseum Race is an incentive program designed to encourage the use of cardio equipment and promote a challenging life changing program. The race course covers 500 miles from the D-M Fitness and Sports Center to the L.A. Coliseum. The program runs for three months. Participants need

to sign up at the fitness center. Participants, will record their actual mileage from workouts on stationary bikes, treadmills, ellipticals, stair climbers, indoor/outdoor track and their participation in local fun runs or bike races. Each activity is rated at a different level and will be updated by the fitness staff. Cards will be maintained and updates will be posted in the fitness center. If after two months a member has not completed at least 300 miles they will be dropped from the program. Upon completion of the program, all participants who accumulate enough mileage to reach the L.A. Coliseum in the allotted time will receive a certificate and race t-shirt. For more information, call 228-0022.

### Teen summer programs

The Youth Center's Teen Summer Outdoor Adventure Program allows teens to experience outdoor adventure in a fun and positive way. The next trip individuals can sign up for is to San Diego July 22 through 24 where participants can surf, camp and study marine life. Those interested should sign up by Wednesday. Aug. 1 through 4 there is a trip to Camp Pendleton. Teens can have

fun camping on the beach at one of the world's largest bases. Camp Pendleton offers miles of surf right in the heart of southern California. For more information, call 228-8844 or 228-8373.

### Men's Soccer Team try-outs

All male active-duty personnel, reservists, guard and military dependents 18 years of age and older are invited to attend open try-outs for the 2005-2006 Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Men's Soccer Team. The try-outs begin Tuesday and practice will be every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. on the football field behind the Auto Hobby Shop. For more information regarding the soccer team or the try-outs, contact Tech. Sgt. Jason Bowersock at 228-4849 or Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Carpenter at 228-0006.

### Air Force Marathon

The ninth annual Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio Sept. 17. The race is open to the public and the registration deadline is Sept. 2. For more information, call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823 or visit <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.





## Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapels are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services, Sunday School programs, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies; youth groups, and ministries, call 228-5411.

### Worship schedule

#### Catholic

◆ The First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass is followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

◆ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

◆ Sunday Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

#### Protestant

◆ Contemporary Service is Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

◆ Gospel Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

◆ Traditional Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

## Education Services

### War Veterans Scholarship

The Horatio Alger Association will distribute a total of \$10 million in scholarships to honorably discharged American veterans who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. To be eligible, veterans must have served in Afghanistan or Iraq in 2001 or later and meet other eligibility requirements. The deadline is Sept. 1. More information on the scholarships, including an online application, is available at [http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships\\_military/index.cfm](http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships_military/index.cfm).

### Pima Community College

For single parents, shift workers or those with transportation problems, Pima Community College offers classes on-base in the morning, at lunchtime and on weekends. In addition, College Level Examination Program testing is available Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. Students should register for fall classes now. For more information, visit the PCC Office in Building 3200, Room 224 or call 206-4866.

### BTES Web site

The Base Training and Education Services has added information for military members to their intranet Web site at <https://355mss/education/contents.htm>. The information covers on base/off base schools and their programs, Air Force commissioning programs, scholarships and interest inventories. Future additions include Professional Military Education, Testing and Tuition Assistance. For more information regarding the Web site, call Norma White at 228-4249.

### Teacher certification

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support External Degree Catalog lists eight colleges that offer kindergarten through 12th grade teacher certification programs through distance learning. These programs can be found on the DANTES Web site at

[http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes\\_web/danteshome.asp?Flag=True](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/danteshome.asp?Flag=True).

### Testing fee change

Effective Sept. 17, the testing fee for the Pre-Professional Skills Tests, used for Initial Teacher Certification, will increase from \$30 to \$35. The registration fee for the PSST will remain at \$40. Because exam requirements vary by state and school district, DANTES recommends prospective examinees check with the state Department of Education in the state they are planning to teach in and verify which exams are applicable.

## Family Support Center

### Pre-separation Counseling

This class is mandatory for all Airmen separating from the Air Force and will take place at the Family Support Center Tuesday and July 26 from 9 to 10 a.m. This class will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Time For Tots

The next Time for Tots are Wednesday and July 27 at the Desert Dove Chapel from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

### Hearts Apart Welcome Home Banners

If your spouse is deployed or on a temporary duty assignment, come join the Hearts Apart group Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Hope Chapel. The group will make banners to welcome home Airmen from their deployment. All supplies are furnished and pizza and refreshments are provided. Those interested must be registered with Hearts Apart and must make reservations no later than Monday. For more information, or to make reservations, call 228-5690.

### Veteran's Affairs Claims Assistance

A Veteran's Affairs representative will provide

group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits July 25 at 1 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. For more information, call 228-5690.

### Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is July 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Medical Right Start is from 12:40 to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available but those who are interested must make arrangements ahead of time. For more information, or to register for Right Start, call 228-5690.

## Happenings

### Car wash

The Davis-Monthan Hispanic Heritage Committee will sponsor a car wash today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hope Chapel's horse shoe parking area. Donations are appreciated. Money raised will be used to support the Hispanic Heritage celebration and activities set to begin Sept. 15 and to run until Oct. 15.

### Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the D-M Bowling Center, will be closed during the month of July.

### Tobacco Cessation Classes

For those who want to quit smoking, but don't have the time to attend a course, the HAWC may have a solution for you. Members of the Davis-Monthan community are now able to make a phone call and have a consultation with a Certified Registered Nurse or Respiratory Lung Therapist from the American Lung Association. No appointment is required. Those interested can call 1-800-548-8252 Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. central standard time and let the technician know they are from D-M. Individuals must call once a week for eight weeks to get nicotine replacement therapy refills.

## Nurturing Airmen from 'Ground Floor' up

The Davis-Monthan Chapel sponsors Ground Floor, a place for Airmen and dorm residents to get together for games, fellowship and more. The Ground Floor is located on the first floor of Building 3500. Events vary daily and are as follows:

◆ The Evidence with Federal Agent Seth Miller is Tuesday at 7 p.m. This is an in-depth study that investigates Christianity from a number of perspectives including archeology, biology, historical accuracy, psychology and criminology.

◆ Deep Waters with Capt. Mike Lyle, 355th Wing, is Wednesday at 8 p.m. This is an interdenominational discussion and Bible study. Deep questions and interaction high-

light this weekly event, which is usually followed by Xbox competition.

◆ Free Smoothies are available at 7:30 p.m. Thursday followed by volleyball and basketball pick-up games. Free guitar lessons begin at 8 p.m.

◆ NuBalance is Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Young Airmen lead this weekly worship event to address faith in the real world. Following NuBalance, groups usually hang out for dinner, movies and events around town.

Ground Floor also sponsors trips including skydiving, hiking, skiing, rafting and more; hangout events; and service projects. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Croft at 228-6213.

## Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

### Scholarship deadline approaching

The deadline to apply for the Air Force Clubs scholarships is July 15. The clubs are giving away \$25,000 in scholarships. There will be six scholarships awarded, with the top prize of \$6,000 for higher education costs. Scholarships will be awarded based on a 500-word essay. All entries must be submitted to the 355th Services Squadron Marketing Director, 5375 E. Kachina St., Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., 85707-4922, by the deadline. Current Air Force Club members and their family members who have been accepted by, or are enrolled in, an accredited college or university for entry during the fall 2005 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible. Ask for rules and entry forms when visiting an Air Force Club. Those interested in more information can also visit <http://www-p.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/Scholarship.htm> or call 228-7352. This is the eighth year that Air Force Clubs has offered this benefit to their members.

### Car Wash reopens

After a series of renovations, the car wash, located behind the Auto Skills Center, reopens Saturday. For more information regarding the car wash, call 228-3614.

### Dining at the Mirage

Club patrons can enjoy an all ranks lunch buffet in The Mirage Officers' Club newly renovated dining room Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Customers can choose from daily buffets and specials like the chef's choice Tuesday, barbecue buffet Wednesday, a pasta station and more Thursday, and fried and baked catfish buffet Friday. Members receive a \$2 discount plus they can use a Services Buck, making the entire lunch \$4.85. If a full buffet is too much, the club also offers a soup and salad bar for \$6.75, members receive a \$2 discount and are welcome to use a Services Buck.

Get your Members First "Lunch Bunch" card punched each time and the sixth lunch is free.

Every Sunday, The Mirage offers a Champagne Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy a selection of breakfast and lunch dishes. The cost is \$12.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children ages 6 to 12 years and \$2 for children under 5 years. Children who are dependents of club members receive \$2 off their meal. For more information, call The Mirage at 228-3301.

### Openings at CDCs

The Davis-Monthan Child Development Centers have openings for pre-toddlers (ages 1 to 2 years), toddlers (ages 2 to 3 years) and pre-school children (ages 3 to 5 years). For more information, call 228-6463 or 228-6465.

### 4-H Engineering In Action Workshops

Preteens and teens can experience/learn the engineering technology on how to build mousetrap racers and balsa wood bridges. Models will



Photo by Chris Sweeney

Timothy Fisher (right), one of the auto skills center's contract mechanics, inspects the springs on the car of Staff Sgt. James Benson, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

## Auto Skills Center offers extended weekend hours for base

The Auto Skills Center will offer customers extended hours today and Saturday. At the Auto Skills Center, state-of-the-art automotive equipment is available on a self-help or technician-assisted basis. In addition to the drive-in bays with their hydraulic lifts, patrons can paint their cars, rebuild their engines and do many other auto repairs and preventative maintenance routines. The

center will be open today from 8 a.m. to midnight and Saturday from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. The extended hours will provide shift personnel and personnel with large jobs that cannot be completed in a couple of hours the opportunity to work on their vehicles for an extended period of time. Auto Skills will provide pizza at 7 and 9 p.m. today. For more information, call 228-3614.

be built on each topic with the opportunity to make design changes and further explore each topic. Dates for workshops are July 26, 27, 28 and 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for mousetrap racers; and Aug. 11 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Desert Lightning Community Center and Aug. 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center for balsa wood bridges. The bridges are for teens only. For more information, call 228-8844 or 228-8373.

### Bingo at Community Center

The Desert Lightning Community Center has Sunday Family Bingo once a month. Aug. 7 participants can enjoy an Ice Cream Social and Sept. 4 they can win a teddy bear. The Community Center also invites the D-M community to come out and enjoy their Tuesday Bingo games. Doors open at 5 p.m. for a social hour and the early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There are Bingo games, cash prizes and jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. For more information, call 228-3717.

### Fishin' For Membership

Bring a friend or co-worker to The Mirage Officers' Club or Desert Oasis Enlisted Club and, if they sign up for membership, the current member gets entered for a chance to win a \$100 Gift Certificate from Army and Air Force Exchange Services. Chances multiply with each new member signed up. In addition, both the current and new member will instantly win Sunday Brunch for two at the club, a \$33 value. Fishin' for Membership entry forms must be completed at time of sign up. (Note: the club may substitute an equivalent value prize.) For more information, or details regarding becoming a

club member, stop by the club today or call The Desert Oasis at 228-3100 or The Mirage Officers' Club at 228-3301.

### Services Bucks

Club Members should know that their Services Bucks are accepted at almost all Services Activities and many off-base businesses. Services Bucks are also accepted at many local merchants. A list of merchants is available on the back side of the Services Buck. Services Bucks are not valid at Army and Air Force Exchange Services facilities and cannot be used to purchase tobacco, alcohol or bingo games. For information on becoming a Davis-Monthan club member, stop by the club or call 228-3301 or 228-3100.

### Cabanas at The Desert Oasis

Cabanas has been serving up pizza and subs in Tucson for 13 years now. Their 24-inch Big Kahuna pizza can be a big hit at parties, family get-togethers and squadron functions. Cabanas is open seven-days a week offering a wide variety of pizza combinations, subs and sandwiches. Try one of their dinner items or enjoy a selection of sandwich combinations. Free delivery is also available. Try Cabanas Sunday Family special and get two 12 inch pizzas with one topping and two 16-ounce ice-cold sodas for only \$13.90. In July, get a barbecue brisket sandwich, fries or tossed salad and soda for \$5.95 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All delivery orders must be called in no later than 30 minutes prior to close. For more information, or to call in an order, call 747-3234 or 745-2415.











